

REMARKS

In the Office Action, dated August 28, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5-11, 17, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,475,890 (hereinafter "YU") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,894,337 (hereinafter "WANG"). Applicants respectfully request that the application be reconsidered in view of the "Statement Concerning Common Ownership" above and the following remarks.

In paragraph 2, the Office Action rejects claims 1-3, 5-11, 17, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over YU in view of WANG. Applicants first note that U.S. Patent No. 6,894,337 was filed February 2, 2004, which is subsequent to the January 22, 2004 filing date of the present application. Since U.S. Patent No. 6,894,337 was filed after the present application, it is not available under 35 U.S.C. §103 for rejecting the claims of the present application. Additionally, as noted in the "Statement Concerning Ownership above," both the current application and the WANG reference were, at the time the invention was made, owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to, Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. Therefore, Applicants submit that WANG is disqualified under 35 U.S.C. §103(c) for use in rejecting the claims of the present application under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). In view of the remarks above, which remove the secondary reference used in rejecting the claims of the present application, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-3, 5-11, 17, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration of this application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims. To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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